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EXAMINING GROUP 2621  
Docket No.: 826.1605

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hiroaki Takebe et al.

Serial No. 09/577,340

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No. 5834

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Examiner: Tom Y. Lu

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on April 12, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 12, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.